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Kuttanad Package
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kuttanad Package for Kerala has been fully implemented;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the timely implementation of the Kuttanad Package?

Answer

(a) to (c): The Government had granted 'in-principle' approval in July, 2008 for providing financial support amounting to Rs.1840.75 crore for implementing various programmes/ interventions suggested by M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation for development of Kuttanad Wetland Eco-system. The programme/ interventions were to be implemented by the concerned Ministries/Departments within their existing schemes and funding pattern, for which, the Government of Kerala was required to submit proposals after formulation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the concerned Ministries/Departments. The programmes/ interventions involving financial outlay upto Rs.50 lakhs were to be implemented by the State Government of Kerala from their own funds under their schemes.

Implementation period of Kuttanad package ended in July, 2012. The Government has not extended the period, but has advised the State Government to implement the approved activities of Kuttanad package under various on-going schemes/programmes of Government of India like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) etc.

As on June, 2016, out of Rs.1268.13 crore sanctioned for implementation of various programmes and activities, Rs.789.39 crore has been released, and out of which, Rs.773.81 crore has been utilized so far.

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